Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification on Page 6, Line 11 as follows:

The lock mechanism 20 also includes a handle assembly 40, as shown in FIG. 5. The handle assembly 40 is mated with the lock assembly 30, mounted on the door 14 and retained by a retainer 41. Although the FIGURES show the handle assembly 40 mounted to the door 14 via the escutcheon 16, it is understood that the handle assembly 40 can be mounted in any location on the door 14 which permits the handle assembly 40 to mate with the housing 32 of the lock assembly 30. As shown in FIG. 5, the handle assembly 40 includes a handle 42, and adapter 44, and a tailpin 48. The tailpin, or rotatable member 48, is operably connected to the handle 42 by the adapter 44. The handle 42 includes a stem 50 having a receiver 52 capable of receiving the adapter 44. The stem 50 has two sets of apertures 54, 55 providing access to the receiver 52. ~~The second aperture 54~~ The second aperture 55 has an angular position that is rotationally displaced from the first aperture 54 by approximately 90 degrees. The adapter 44 is generally cylindrical in shape and has a slot 46 adapted to receive the tailpin, or member 48, of the handle assembly 40. The slot 46 has a width W1, as seen in FIG. 5. The tailpin 48 is cooperatively dimensioned so as to fit inside the slot 46. The adapter 44 also has an opening 47 providing access to the slot 46. The tailpin 48 includes a tailpin aperture 49.

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device for operating a lock assembly for a door or window assembly ~~is disclosed. The lock assembly~~ has a first configuration when mounted in a right hand door and a second configuration when mounted in a left hand door. The device has a handle having a first position and a second position. A member is operably connected to the handle. The member has structure adapted to cooperate with the lock assembly such that the first position of the handle when the member is adapted to be connected to the lock assembly in the first configuration is the same as the first position of the handle when the member is adapted to be connected to the lock assembly in the second configuration.